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To the Lady who wrote the Letter, sign'd A WOMAN, *inserted in the* Journal *of the Second Instant.*

OU will easily believe me, Madam, when I acquaint you, that I am not a little Proud of the Honour you have done me, in thinking me worthy of the Correspondence of a Lady, to whom Nature has shewn herself so indulgent. She seldom leaves her own Work imperfect; and therefore, I doubt not but she has been propitious to you more Ways than one: And I am perswaded, that if you had been the first Object of the inconstant *Strephon*'s Adoration, he had never worship'd any false Goddess.

I can assure you, Madam, you could never have recommended your self so much to me, or have oblig'd me more, than in engaging me in this agreeable Manner in the Cause of helpless Innocence, and distress'd Virtue; and in giving me an Opportunity to consider the greater and better Half of the World in their nearest and most engaging Relation. I am by Profession, a Knight Errant: It is my Business to right Wrongs and redress Injuries, and none more than those done to your Fair Sex.

It is a Subject which employs my softest and most delicate Thoughts and Inclinations; which I can in nothing gratify so much, as by contributing to the Ease and Happiness of that Sex, to whom we owe most of our own.

'That cordial Drop Heaven in our Cup has thrown,
'To make the nauseous Draught of Life go down:

And to atone for the Thousands, Ten Thousands of Evils, to which human Condition is subject.

Hercules himself laid down his Clubs, and took up a Distaff: And,

——furious *Mars*,
The only Governour and God of Wars,
When tired with Heat and Toil, does oft resort,
To taste the Pleasures of the *Paphian* Court.

I do not therefore depart from my Character, or desert my Duty, in considering this Subject, and attending upon the Concerns of the Fair: With their Cause, the Cause of Liberty is blended; and scarce any Man will be much concern'd for publick Happiness, unless he enjoys Domestick: Publick Happiness being nothing else but the magistrate's protecting of private Men in their Property, and their Enjoyments. It is certain, that a Man's Interest, in Point of Happiness and Pleasure, is in no Instance so much concern'd as in that of Marriage, which being the happiest or unhappiest State in the World, must mostly constitute his Happiness or Misery.

The Beauty, the Vigour, the Wit, and consequently the Preservation of his Posterity, do much depend upon the Choice of his Wife, and possibly upon his Inclinations to her, and hers to him. We are very careful of the Breed of our Horses, our Cocks, and our Dogs, and as remarkably neglectful of our own; and yet we dedicate two thirds of our Substance to our Posterity: For so much is the Difference between the Purchase of Estates of Inheritance, and of Estates only for our own Lives.

Our Wealth does also depend in a great Measure upon Domestick Sympathy and Concord; and it is a true Proverb, that a Man must ask Leave of his Wife to be rich: So great a Share of his Substance and Prosperity must remain in her Power, and at her Discretion, and under her Management; that if he would thrive and be happy himself, he must make her so.

In order to this, he ought to chuse one whose Temper, good Sense, and Agreeableness, shall make him find his Pleasure in obliging her; and by Constancy and endearing Actions make her wholly his own, and to do all in her Power to oblige him. No Man can live in a constant State of Hypocrisy in his own Family; but if he has Distates, they will certainly break out; or at least be found out by one who is always about him, and whose constant Business it is to observe him, and his Humours and Affections. And therefore, 'tis his best and only Way to find out such a one, as he need not counterfeit a Kindness to.

In all my Observation, a good Husband rarely misses to make a good Wife. The Hearts of Women are naturally so tender, their Passions towards their Husbands so strong, and their Happiness and the Respect they meet with in the World, are so much owing to their Husbands, that we seldom find a married Woman who will not with a little real, and often with but a seeming Kindness, do whatever a prudent Husband will desire of her; and often to oblige him, more than he desires of her. And what can be more barbarous than to use one ill, who throws herself into his Power, and depends upon his Protection; who gives up all she has to his Mercy, and receives it afterwards at his Pleasure?

It is miserable Folly, to put your self in a Circumstance of being uneasy in your own House, which ought be a Retreat from all the Ruffles and Disappointments you meet with elsewhere: In Consequence of this, you must seek your Pleasures Abroad at great Expence, and the hazard of your Health, and to the neglect of your Affairs. Your Wife too, when she finds herself neglected by one in whom she had fix'd her whole Happiness, will not bear the Place and Mansion of her Misery, but will fall into a Despondency, and an Indifference to your Interest, and will be apt to look out in her turn for Pleasures Abroad, when she can have none at Home. Women for the most Part place their Felicity in their Husbands, and in their Families, and generally pursue those Views, till the Unkindness, Neglect, or Folly of their Husbands, render them impracticable.

Whatever Excuse there may be for Men over-run with Debts, or otherwise very Necessitous, to aim only at Money in Marriage, and thereby throw themselves into a miserable and nauseous Imprisonment for Life, to prevent falling into one but little worse: I cannot find one tolerable Reason in Nature, why any one in easy Circumstances, and who does not want the common Necessaries of Life, should purchase the Superfluities at so dear a Price. But it is stupendious that Men of Figure and Fortune, who have in their Power the Means of enjoying not only the Conveniencies, but the Luxury and Vices of Life [if such can be called Enjoyments] should yet barter away all their Happiness for a little scraping additional Wealth, which for the most part produces real Poverty.

It is certain, that Ten Men of Birth and Estates have been undone by marrying great Fortunes, for one who has been enrich'd by it. Most Men pay Twenty per Cent. for such Portions, as long as they have any Thing to pay. Ten Thousand Pounds additional Fortune, when laid out in Land, will not produce Three Hundred Pounds a Year clear, which Sum will scarce maintain the Tea Table, and keep the supernumerary Baubles in Repair; and it will cost as much more to shew them. Besides, when the usual Presents are made, and

an expenſive Marriage is ſolemniz'd, gaudy Clothes and Equipage are bought, and perhaps a London Houſe furniſh'd; a conſiderable part of this Portion will be diſburs'd, and the forlorn Heroe of this ſhewy, unmuſic Farce, will diſcover too late how much more eligible it had been to have matried a Lady well born, of a diſcreet modeſt and frugal Education, and an agreeable Perſon, with leſs Money, than a haughty Dame with all her Quality Airs about her, of *Mr. Thimble-man's* Daughter, tho' bedeck'd with as many Trinkets as *Tollboy* or *Jerry Blackacre* upon the Stage.

But before we can compleat this Account, we muſt Ballance what muſt be given in Lieu of this Lady's Wealth, beſides the inſtate Loſs of conjugal and domeſtick Happineſs. It is truly ſaid, that Gold may be bought too dear; and I may ſafely ſay, that the deareſt Purchaſe now in *England*, is a Wife with a great Fortune, not excepting that of *South-Sea* Stock laſt Year.

For every Thouſand Pounds the Lady brings, ſhe muſt have a Hundred Pounds a Year, at leaſt during her own Life, and often a Rent Charge, which alone is worth the purchaſe Money which ſhe brings, if ſhe out lives her Husband; and then ſhe brings nothing towards the Iſſue, which, modeſtly ſpeaking, are as much hers as her Husbands, and it is certain, that during her living with him, ſhe ſpends more than the Intereſt of it: For, (beſides her private Expence,) the Gay Furniture, the Rich Beds, the China Ware, the Tea Table, the Viſiting Rooms, Rich Coaches, *&c.* muſt be chiefly placed to her Account; and ſhe ſhares equally in the Table Expence, and in that of the Children and Gardens: And yet over and above all this, a Man muſt ſettle the Remainder of his Eſtate and Subſtance, out of his own Power, and intail it upon whatever Heir Chance and his Wife bring him, perhaps, upon an ungrateful and diſobedient One, made ſo by his Independency upon his Father; often upon a fooliſh and unimprovable One, and ſometimes perhaps upon a ſpurious One.

I do not complain of this uſual Method of Settlement, as thinking it reaſonable that any Man ſhould give a large Sum of Money in Dowry with his Daughter, without taking proper Precautions to provide for her and his own Poſterity. But I cenſure the preſent great Abuſe of giving and demanding ſuch Fortunes, which have inverted the very Ends of Marriage, and made Wives Independent on their Husbands, and Sons on their Fathers; Fortunes, which make Men Bargain for their Wives, as they would for Bullocks; and inſtead of creating conjugal Friendſhip and Affection, and all ſorts of domeſtick Happineſs, have produced nothing but Strife, Averſion and Contention, where there ought to be perfect Sympathy and Unanimity, and have brought into the World a Race of Monkey's and Baboons, inſtead of Creatures with human Shape and Souls.

Why ſhould Men of Fortune and Underſtanding bring themſelves, without any Motive from Reaſon or Intereſt, into theſe unhappy Circumſtances? Why ſhould any Man, without any Conſideration, at leaſt any valuable Conſideration; diveſt himſelf of the greateſt Part of the Property of his own Eſtate? Why make himſelf only Tenant for Life, when he is in Poſſeſſion of an Inheritance; and render himſelf by that Means unable to provide againſt the many Emergencies of Life? Why ſubject himſelf to the Inſolence of an ungrateful Heir, or be forced to leave it to an unworthy one? Why be oblig'd to bear the Caprices and Diſhonour of a wanton and peeviſh Wife, perhaps made ſo by his Neglect, ariſing from his Averſion, the ordinary Effect of Marriage againſt Inclination? when he might have choſen one every way ſuited to the ſame; and, by contenting himſelf with leſs Fortune, have kept the greateſt part of his Eſtate in his own Power, and with it the further Means of obliging her, and of making her future Fortune and Expectations to depend upon her own Conduct, Complaiſance, and affectionate Behaviour.

You have given me, Madam, a very pregnant and affecting Inſtance of a Gentleman, who, made falſe by Avarice, has loſt, and wickedly loſt, a virtuous, prudent and fond Wife, while he fought Money more than Merit, and cruelly broke his Faith and with it a tender Heart, for the infamous ſake of Lucre; which may deſervedly prove a Canker in his Soul and his Subſtance, and bring him a Lady with Qualities proper to revenge the other's juſt Quarrel and barbarous Wrongs. And I on my part, can give you an Inſtance of a Gentleman of great Fortune and Figure, who, by acting according to the former wiſer Rules, has made himſelf happy in an amiable, diſcreet and obſervant Lady, and enjoys with her all the Bleſſings of mutual Confidence and tender Affection. He is compliſant without Art, and ſhe without Fear.

I am with perfect Reſpect, Madam,

Your moſt humble and (Mr. Trenchard)

moſt obedient Servant, CATO.

To the Author of the LONDON JOURNAL.

P. S. Sir, I have in ſeveral of my late Letters, obſerved ſome Slips that have eſcap'd from the Pen of the great and learned Dr. *Prideaux*; but as I have done this with no Deſign of blemiſhing a Character which cannot be blemiſh'd, I think my ſelf obliged to own once more, his great Merit, the Service done by him to Mankind, the Honour to his Country and the Pleaſure and Information which I in particular have received from his worthy Labours.

It is poſſible, that out of Deteſtation to Principles which ſubvert and tear up by the Roots all Liberty and civil Happineſs, I may have uſed ſome warm Expreſſions againſt thoſe that maintain them. Such Expreſſions therefore can be applied only to thoſe who have been ever the avowed and active Enemies of every thing lovely, valuable, or praiſe-worthy amongſt Men. But as to Dr. *Prideaux*, however he is falſely ſtiled Prejudice, perhaps early imbib'd, and not ſince examin'd by him with his uſual Accuracy; or however he might intend to ſerve a pious Cauſe with adventitious Helps and precarious Supports, which it wanted not: certain it is, from the whole Courſe of his excellent Performance, that he had ſincerely at Heart the Intereſt of true Religion and Liberty. A Spirit of Virtue, Piety, good Senſe and Integrity, and an Averſion to Oppreſſion, Cruelty and Tyranny, ſhine through his whole Hiſtory, and animate the ſame; and neither he nor his Hiſtory can be too much commended.

But the Doctor is an eminent Inſtance, how little any Man ought to be guided by the mere Authority of another; ſince one of the greateſt and worthieſt Men living, is capable of falling into ſuch obvious Errors. From the Greatneſs of his Name and Credit alone I was led to theſe Animadverſions, and with Reluctance I made them. Falcons do not prey upon Flies. Other Writers, whoſe Characters add no Weight to their Miſtakes, are ſafe from any Cenſure of mine. For this Reaſon I ſhall not trouble my ſelf with the Party-Falſhoods and pious Ribaldry, and Blunders of a modern voluminous Writer of Engliſh Hiſtory. His Contract and Dialogue between *Oliver Cromwell* and the Devil, is a harmleſs Piece of Hiſtory and as entertaining as the reſt.

I am, SIR,

Your humble Servant,

CATO.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE Plague in France continues to rage in a very melancholly manner; but we being very particular among our Domeſtick Accounts of its Progreſs, where it is at the worſt, we ſay no more of it here, but refer our Readers to what comes after. —— Things in the North are very quiet, without any further Appearance of any Diſturbance whatever, and 'tis now hoped that the Storm threatned by the Turks will blow over; however, this laſt wants Confirmation. —— The poor Proteſtants in the Palatinate appear under new Apprehenſions of further Oppreſſions and Diſtreſſes from their Enemies, and indeed their Caſe now ſeems paſt all hopes, unleſs they are ſpeedily and powerfully aſſiſted by their Friends abroad.

LONDON.

WE hear that the Eaſt India Company have beſtowed a Donation of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas on the Redeemed Britiſh Captives.

There are ſeveral Petitions now depending in the Houſe of Commons from Kent, Surry, Southwark, &c praying for a Bridge over the Thames, from the Ferry at Weſtminſter to Lambeth; and the Belief that a Bill will paſs accordingly, has very much advanced the Price of Land, near the Waterſide thereabouts.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy have given Notice, that on Wedneſday the 20th Inſtant, they will be ready to Treat with ſuch Perſons, as are inclined to furniſh Malt for the Service of the Navy.

In Purſuance of a Reſolution of the laſt General Court of the South Sea Company, that an humble Addreſs ſhould be preſented to his Majeſty, praying that he will be pleaſed to recommend to the Parliament the remiſſion of Two Millions, which with a proportionable Part of their yearly Fund will be annihilated at Midſummer next, or ſuch other Relief, as his Majeſty in his great goodneſs ſhall think meet, in Conſideration of the Sufferings of the unhappy Proprietors by the Execution of the South Sea Scheme; the Sub-Governour, Deputy Governour and Directors, have waited on his Majeſty with their Addreſs accordingly. And we hear his Majeſty was pleaſed to anſwer, 'That he could not think it reaſonable, 'in the preſent Circumſtances of Affairs, with regard either to 'the Publick or their Company, to recommend the Matter 'of their Addreſs to the Parliament.

On Thurſday the 14th, the Sons of the Clergy, had their annual Feaſt at Merchant Taylors Hall, at which ſeveral Biſhops were preſent, and we hear that upwards of Three Hundred Pounds was collected in order to put the poor Orphans of Clergymen out Apprentices.

We hear, that the Chappel, which has ſtood ſo long unfiniſh'd in Hatton Garden (on Account of a Diſpute about the

the Ground whereon it ſtands) is by the Lord Biſhop of Ely given to the Pariſh of St. Andrews Holborn, for a Charity School, and Money is now collecting to compleat it.

There has not been known a larger Seſſions for many Years than the laſt, which was held at the Old Baily. But this ought not to be wonder'd at, when the Town ſwarms with Houſe-breakers and Pickpockets, and every Road about it is ſo full of Highwaymen and Footpads, that we have daily Inſtances of Robberies and Villanies, ſo that the Finiſher of the Law has little Reaſon to fear a maiden Seſſions, or a want of Buſineſs, *when ſo many deſerve the Gallows.*

On Saturday laſt there was a General Court of the Corporation of the Royal-Exchange Aſſurance. It began with a Confirmation of the Minutes of the laſt General Court; and as in that Court, there had been ſome Objection to the Salaries allow'd their Governours and Directors, (viz. the Governour two hundred Pounds, and each Director one hundred and fifty Pounds per Ann.) in this Court thoſe Gentlemen chang'd their Sentiments, and it was unanimouſly carried as a very moderate Allowance, for their Care and Trouble in the Corporation's Affairs. Some additional By Laws were then read, and met with the Approbation of the Court, viz. One for reſtraining the Directors, for the time being, from ſigning any Policy of Aſſurance in their private Capacity. Another for preventing the veſting of the Companies Money in any Stock, without the Conſent of a General Court. And the third was, that no By Law ſhould be altered, or ſuſpended, but by the Conſent of Two General Courts. They then elected Mr. Ball, Mr. Church, Mr. Townſhend, Mr. Filher Tench, and Mr. Lombe to be of the Committee for inſpecting the By-Laws, and ſo adjourn'd.

On Monday Night laſt, a Proclamation was iſſued, for altering the Stamp for Hides and Skins to be imported, in regard the ſame is taken off and defaced by the dreſſing them, to the great Hazard and Prejudice of the Dealers in Leather, whoſe Goods remain liable to ſeizure for want of the appearing of ſuch Stamp. For prevention whereof it is order'd, that the ſaid Stamp ſhall be alter'd, and ſuch another uſed as is not likely to be taken off or defaced.

Five of the Eleven Malefactors, who were ſentenced to Death at the Old Baily, were executed on Friday, viz. Arthur Gray, Nathaniel Hawes, James Wright, George Baker and John Jones.

We hear, that a Farmer of Betherſden in Suſſex of the Browniſt Perſwaſion, as he uſed to ſay himſelf, falling ſick lately, ſeveral Perſons ſucceſſively watched with him at Nights. The laſt that performed that Office for him was a Teacher of thoſe Opinions, who not watching like a true Shepherd, but falling aſleep over his Patient, the poor Wretch got up, and made his Way out at the Top of the Houſe, and getting down, travelled to a Farm-houſe about two Miles off, where in an Out-houſe he hanged himſelf. Being traced and found, and the Coroners Inqueſt ſitting upon the Body, the Teacher, who had ſo carefully watched him, was ſeverely reprimanded by the Coroner, who charged this unhappy Accident on the Doctrines of the Browniſts, which often hurry weak Minds to the greateſt Deſperations.

On Sunday laſt died ſuddenly after Dinner, the Right Honourable Richard Lumley, Earl of Scarborough, at his Houſe in Gerrard-ſtreet. He is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his Son Richard Lord Lumley, Maſter of the Horſe to his Royal Highneſs.

We hear that the Deficiency in the Proviſion made for Building the Royal Hoſpital at Greenwich, amounting to about Fifty Thouſand Pounds by Computation, will be raiſed by Ten ſeveral Lotteries, for Five Thouſand Pounds each, to be drawn Annually till the Whole ſhall be finiſhed, and the Tickets to be valued at Ten Shillings each. But this wants Confirmation.

The famous Antiquary and Grammarian, Mr. Samuel Moreland, late Maſter of the Grammar School at Bednal Green, died lately at the Bath.

We hear that Mr. Law was lately in Danger of an Aſſault, as he was returning to his Lodging in Hanover Square, which on that Account he has left, and taken new Lodgings in St. James's Street.

The laſt Advices from France touching the Contagion, give a melancholy Account of the preſent State of Avignon; four thouſand Perſons have died there from the 19th of September laſt to the 18 Inſtant, when there were fifteen thouſand Sick. The Worms do ſo abound in the Beds of their Infirmaries, or *Peſthouſes*, that they are almoſt devoured by them, and they cannot be cleared of them for Want of Attendants: So that thoſe who are taken Sick, chuſe rather to lie upon the Ground in the open Air, than to be carried into thoſe Hoſpitals. The only Phyſician who was left there, died on the 4th of November laſt. A fourth Hoſpital is fitting up to hold one thouſand Sick. At Orange, the Contagion is only in one Quarter, round which all poſſible Precautions are taken to prevent its ſpreading.

SIR,

I Am a conſtant Reader, and a very great Admirer of your Letters, which I think no Man of Senſe would willingly be without; they furniſh us with the compleateſt Syſtem of Politicks that is extant in the Engliſh Tongue: Hence Kings may extract Rules for the well-governing of their People; and even Statesmen learn to be honeſt, or at leaſt, ſee what they deſerv'd who were not ſo. In ſhort, as they are calculated for the univerſal Benefit of Mankind, the juſt Eſteem I have for the Author, though unknown, was the Occaſion of the following Lines.

HOW bright the ſhining Patriot ſtands confeſt,
Great *Cato*'s Soul informs his generous Breaſt!
'Gainſt Power uſurp'd, he points his God-like Rage,
And deals out Freedom to a future Age,
While Liberty adorns each manly Page.
Proud Kings he curbs, and blaſts the Tyrant's Deeds,
Again the lawleſs haughty *Ceſar* bleeds;
By the keen Force of each avenging Word,
He gives a Wound as ſure as *Brutus*' Sword.
He drives the Miſt of Error from our Eyes,
Bids *Roman* Virtue in our Hearts ariſe,
And Right Divine ſtrips of its vain Diſguiſe.
Now let the Bigot his fond Scheme reſign,
And Liberty alone be held Divine.
O far from *Albion* let the Wretch retreat,
And meanly crouch beneath a Tyrant's Feet,
Let the baſe Thing to Northern Climes repair,
Enjoy his ſervile Fav'rite Tenets there,
And groan in Slav'ry, tig'rous as their Air;
Thro' each dull Path of blind Obedience run,
And boaſt the Privilege of being undone.
Freedom for none but Heaven-born Souls was made,
Nor are, to grov'ling Minds, it's Charms diſplay'd.
'Mongſt all the feather'd Race that range on high,
None like the Eagle, cuts the liquid Sky;
Jove's Bird alone, can tower *Ætherial* Height,
And Face with ſtedfaſt Eye, the dazling Source of Light.

I am, SIR, &c.

BRITANNICUS.

We hear, that a Bill will be paſs'd for leſſening the Duties on Nutmegs, Cloves and Mace; another for taking off the Duties on our Manufactures exported, and another for preſerving the Freedom of Elections of Members of Parliament, *of which our Readers may ſhortly hear more.*

The ingenious Mr. Weſton of Greenwich, having lately erected a Theatre for the Uſe and Direction of the young Gentlemen under his Tuition, the Play of Tamerlane was laſt Week performed there, with vaſt Applauſe. A new Prologue and Epilogue was pronounced upon the Occaſion, written by an ingenious Hand, and we hope we ſhall be able to oblige our Readers with it in a future Paper.

The Directors of the South-Sea Company have choſen Mr. Jeoffry Urber, Aſſiſtant to Mr. De Golz, their Cathier, appointing him One Hundred Pounds a Year Sallary.

On Monday laſt there was a vaſt Concourſe of People at the South Sea Houſe, for making the firſt Payment of Five per Cent. on the Loans borrowed of the South-Sea Company, the time limited by Act of Parliament for the ſaid Firſt Payment determining the 25th Inſtant, Ten per Cent. being to be paid in order to diſcharge the Borrowers on the Loans.

We hear, that for the new Theatre in the Haymarket, deſign'd to be opened by Aaron Hill, Eſq; a Patent was obtain'd in the late Reign for twenty Years, nine of which are already elapſed.

William Beddow, who was acquitted at the laſt Seſſions at the Old Baily of an Indictment for ſtealing Casks of Ale from Brewers Drays in the Streets, none appearing then againſt him, but not being diſcharged by reaſon he could not pay his Fees, was detained in Newgate; and by a freſh Warrant from Sir Francis Forbs, on Monday laſt, was continu'd a Priſoner on a freſh Indictment for the like Crime.

We hear that the Sum of fifty thouſand Pounds, or thereabouts, has been lately promiſed, by way of Subſcription, for building a Bridge at Weſtminſter-Ferry, if a Law can be obtained for that Purpoſe. It has been already propoſed among the Managers of that Undertaking, to build firſt a Bridge partly of Wood, and partly of Stone, ſuch as may ſerve very well till another can be built entire of Stone, which, 'tis ſaid, will be the moſt ſtately Bridge in Europe.

The Lord William Manners, Son to the late Duke of Rutland, hath been made one of the Lords of the Bedchamber to his Royal Highneſs a conſiderable Time; and the Account given in ſeveral Papers of his ſucceeding the late Lord Belhaven in that Poſt is a Miſtake; nor do we find there is any as yet appointed in the Room of the ſaid unfortunate Lord.

The following Ships were loſt in the Stormy Winds that happen'd about the Middle of laſt Week, viz. The Joſiah and Betty, Capt. Brabant, loſt at Ram-Head near Plymouth, but the Men ſaved; the Hope, Capt. Overy, from New-York, in

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her Paſſage from Portſmouth to London was loſt on Beachy-Head; alſo a Dutch Eaſt-India Ship, outward-bound, of one Thouſand Tuns, Forty Guns, and Two Hundred and Forty Men, loſt off of Plymouth, but the Crew were ſaved, and Thirteen Cheſts of Silver. At the ſame Time another Dutch Eaſt-India Ship that ſet Sail in Company with her, was forced from her Anchors, but afterwards got ſafe to Plymouth.

So far has the Project for erecting a Bank in Ireland been from ſucceeding, that the Houſe of Commons there have reſolved,

That the erecting, or eſtabliſhing a publick Bank in that Kingdom, will be of the moſt dangerous and fatal Conſequence to his Majeſty's Service, and the Trade and Liberties of that Nation. As alſo,

That if any Member of that Houſe, or Commoner of Ireland, ſhall preſume to ſolicite, or endeavour to procure any Grant, or to get the Great Seal put to any Charter for erecting a publick Bank in that Kingdom, contrary to the declared Senſe and Reſolution of that Houſe, he ſhall incur his higheſt Diſpleaſure, and be deem'd to act in Contempt of the Authority of that Houſe, and an *Enemy to his Country*.

A few Days ago a Cook Maid living in a noble Family near St. James's, broke a Vein by an exceſſive Fit of Laughter; and though all poſſible Ways were tried to ſave her Life, ſhe bled to Death that Night.

We hear that the Quakers are like to obtain the Favour they have been long ſtruggling for, and to have their Affirmation altered to their Satisfaction; ſo that for the future, the Words *in the Preſence of Almighty God*, will be left out of their Affirmation. However, if they can be convicted of falſe Evidence, 'tis to be deemed Perjury in them, and they are to be puniſhed accordingly.

Laſt Week the Landlord of the *Mitre* Ale-houſe, at Standgate, near Lambeth, cut his Throat. And laſt Tueſday one *Mrs. Matthews*, in the *Mint*, drowned her ſelf in a Tub of Water, not half full.

They write from Paris, that a Lady, who is Thirty Four Years of Age, and Wife to *Mr. Durand*, Advocate of the Council, who is Fifty Years old, was brought to Bed on the 20th Inſtant of Four Children, Three Boys and one Girl, all of them born alive, and were baptiz'd in the Evening at the Pariſh Church of St. Landry; but all of them dy'd in Three Days.

Our South Sea Company go on with much Reſolution and Unanimity, and 'tis ſaid, they are reſolved to take all the Methods in their Power, to make the *Bank* ſtand to their *Agreement*, and to proſecute and recover againſt thoſe who have any way defrauded the Company, and unjuſtly got any of their Money. What the Event of theſe Things may be, cannot at preſent be known, but People have their Eyes much upon them, and ſeem to expect great Advantages from their Proceedings.

On Saturday laſt died the Lord George Manners, one of the Sons of the late Duke of Rutland by his 2d Dutcheſs.

On the 15th Inſtant the Univerſity of Cambridge erected a new Office, viz. of an Upper Library Keeper of their Publick Library, which they conferr'd in a full Senate upon the Revd. Dr. Middleton, by 111 Votes againſt 49.

Laſt Monday Night, the Conſtable and Watch of the Hundreds of Drury, upon the Diſcovery of a great Light in the Houſe of a Baker in Red lion-Court went in a Body, and with a loud Holla, ſummoned the Baker to the Door, and alarmed the Neighbourhood with the Noiſe of Fire. The Baker came trembling before thoſe dread Magiſtrates, and aſſuring them, that it was no Fire more than what was neceſſary in his Buſineſs, he was diſmiſſed in Peace, while they made ſolemn Proclamation to the Neighbourhood they had raiſed, to go to Bed again.

The foreign Papers ſay from Rome, that it is rumour'd, the Pretender will ſhortly take a Turn to Paris, which cauſes much Speculation here.

The ſame Advices ſay, a great Miſunderſtanding has happened between Cardinal Althan and Cardinal Acquaviva, his Imperial and Catholick Majeſty's Miniſters at Rome, on the Subject of the Impriſonment of ſome Spaniards of Quality in the Kingdom of Naples. The latter ſending to Cardinal Althan, deſiring his good Offices with the Emperor for their Releaſement, was anſwer'd, it was not a Time to treat the Spaniards after that Manner; becauſe they daily render'd themſelves unworthy the Emperor's Clemency: With which the Spaniſh Cardinal was ſo irritated, that he immediately diſpatched a Courtier to give the Court of Madrid an Account of it, in order that the Imperial Miniſter may be called upon to ſhew a Reaſon for his Contempt of his Catholick Majeſty's Recommendation, and explain himſelf, as to the Terms of his haughty Anſwer. 'Tis fear'd, if Care be not taken to prevent the ill Effects of it in Time, this Affair may occaſion ill Blood.

A few Days ago, a Gentlewoman in Covent Garden, was deliver'd of a dead Child, with which ſhe had gone twelve Months, by a Man Midwife; 'tis ſaid, the Child has been dead three Months.

We hear, that a Man is taken into Cuſtody for putting off Bank Bills, that were taken out of the Briſtol Mail.

Several Head of Cattle were brought into Smithfield on Sunday Night laſt; which being contrary to Order, 59 of them were drove away to the Green-yard, where the Graziers who own'd them, were oblig'd to pay 2 s. 4 d. per Head for their Releaſe, beſides loſing the firſt of the Market, which it is probable will make them more mindful of Sunday, than they have uſually been upon this Occaſion.

We have more than once ſpoke of Robberies committed by 3 Footpads between Iſlington and Newington Green; on Friday and Saturday Night laſt, the ſame Gentry were very buſy in plundering every one that fell in their Way, but ſuch Care will be taken for the future, that if they come that way any more, 'tis hoped they may be conducted to accompany ſome of their Brothers in Iniquity to the Triple Tree.

Our Merchants have Advice, that the Betty, Capt. Meſſit from Guinea, but laſt from Maryland, was caſt away on the 13 th Inſtant at Portleven near Penzance.

On Saturday Night laſt, the Hampſtead Stage Coach was robb'd by 3 Highwaymen, one was upon a Bay, the 2d on a Cheſnut, and the 3d on a Grey Gelding. They carried off about 50 l. beſides a Gold Watch and Rings. As every Road about Town is ſo full of theſe Ruffians, it ought to make all People cautious how they Travel with any thing of Value about them. So hungry and harden'd are thoſe Wretches that nothing can deter from their vile Practices, for but the Night before 2 Horſemen robb'd a Poor labouring Man of two Shillings, juſt by the Gallows.

Laſt Monday Night a Man dreſs'd like a Gentleman, and a Girl of the Town, who had trol'd it in a Hackney Coach from one Place to another, till the Fare amounted to Four Shillings, at length alighted in Bath-ſtreet, when the Nymph pretending to ſpeak with a Friend ſhe ſpied over the Way, ſtept aſide and got off. In the mean time the Coachman demanded his Money, which the Gentleman ſearched in vain all over his Pockets for, without being able to find a Farthing. And the Woman not returning, he charged ed her with having picked his Pocket of his Watch and all his Money, and begged the Coachman would take his Word for the Fare till another time. But this could not be granted. The Coachman inſiſted for his Wig, and putting it to be voted by a great Mob that was gathered about them, whether he ought to have it in Lieu of his Money, they gave it with great Unanimity and Acclamation for the Queſtion, and he drove off with the Wig accordingly.

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COrnaro's Drops: Being a Secret never before known in England; publish'd by a Physician, for the general Benefit of all Families, at this Time of Danger, as a Preservative against the Pestilence, by removing out of the Habit every Distemper that can dispose it to admit the Contagion; such as Scurvy, Dropsy, Gout, Rheumatism, Cholic, Hectic-Fevers, Wastings and Decays. It perfectly cures the most inveterate Symptoms of the Secret Disease, and effectually cast all the pernicious Effects of poisonous Mercurials, so mortal in a Pestilence, that not one was ever known to recover of the Plague, who was infected with that Disease, or its more dangerous Cure by Mercury. A Course of these Drops are recommended to all People this Autumn, while they have Time to take them, and are not in immediate Danger of Contagion; with a proper Cathartic or Purge, to be taken with the Drops; and full Instructions, in print, to all people, how to manage themselves so, as by God's Blessing, they may be safe, if the pestilence should be brought over to us (which we have but too much Cause to fear.) Advice will be given gratis, in all Distempers whatsoever during this Time of Danger, by Letters left, and answered at any one of the three Places where these Drops are sold. (and for the Convenience of Foreigners, may may write in Latin, French, Italian, Spanish, as well as English) at Mr. Grimshead's Toy-shop at the Black Swan in St. Paul's Church-yard; at Mr. Stephen Chambers a Toyshop in Bright's Alley, between the King's Head and John's Coffee-House, at the Royal-Exchange; and at Mr. Rocayrol's, Bookseller, the Corner of Peter's Court in St. Martin's Lane. N. B. For a farther Account of the Virtues of these Drops, the Reader is referred to a Letter published in Mr. Mist's Journal the 2d of September, 1721.

Arcanum Lithontripticum.

***** The Sovereign Secret for dissolving the STONE** and expelling the Gravel in either Sex, which is wonderfully performs, and plainly makes manifest by the Rise of Sand, and the Abundance of Gravel that is gradly discharges with the Urine. 'Tis an incomparable Medicine, of long Experience, and inestimable Value. It is not an Office to Ripify the Patient, and to appease the Pain but for a while, nor is it a violent Diuretic to force the Stone precipitately, and put the Afflicted into insufferable Pains and Anguish; but it is a most gentle Medicine, that gradually dissolves the very Substance of the Stone, whether in the Reins or Bladder, and then carries it off by Urine. The Directions will instruct every one how to make a right Judgment of their own Case, and how to prepare some other Medicines proper in difficult Cases. Sold by Mr. Lockton only, at the Griffin, the Corner of Buckle-bury, in the Poultry. Price Half a Guinea a Bottle; each bottle contains Half a Pint, to be taken in Drops.

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AT the Hungary Water Ware-House at the Black Boy and Comb, a Toy Shop in Fleet-street, near Fleet Bridge, is sold right French Hungary Water, in large half Pint Flint Bottles, at One Shilling and Three-pence each, being the same sort sold there Several Years, or rather better, being a fresh Parcel. One Spoonful turns a Glass of Water as white as Milk, which the counterfeit Sort made here only turns of a Sky Colour, by reason the Spirit and Flowers are not so good in this Country as in France. Be aware of Counterfeits made of English Malt Spirits, put in the same sort of Bottles, and sold at several Places in Town and Country, but will not turn Water white. Note, Merchants, and Others, may be Supply'd by Wholesale.

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WHEREAS several Persons in Great Britain and Ireland, do pretend to sell Gibson's Cordial Horse-Balls, and a Preparation of Antimony, under Pretence they buy them of me, and sell them as mine: This is therefore to inform all Gentlemen and others, that the true Cordial Horse Balls, at 4 s. per pound for Colds, Sickness, Surfeits, Grease, Loss of Appetite, Worms, Botts or Hyde-bounds; also the true extraordinary Preparation of Antimony, at 8 s. per pound, which cures greasy Heels, prevents Stiffness in the Limbs after hard Riding, disperses all Knots and Swellings, purifies the Blood better than purging, preserves the Eyes, destroys the large Worms, and makes all rough Coats lie fine and smooth, with many other peculiar Vertues, better experienced than expressed; and from their known Goodness, are become of general Use: Are only sold at Alcorn's Coffee-House in York, and at the Angel and Crown in Leopard Street, London, by me Samuel Gibson, Druggist. Therefore beware of Counterfeits.

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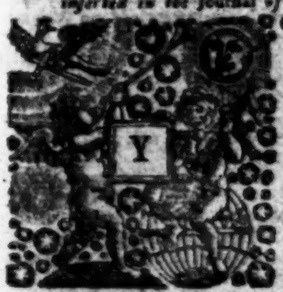
To the Lady who wrote the Letter, ſign'd A WOMAN, *inſerted in the* Journal *of the Second Inſtant.*



YOU will eaſily believe me, Madam, when I acquaint you, that I am not a little proud of the Honour you have done me, in thinking me worthy of the Correſpondence of a Lady, to whom Nature has ſhewn herſelf ſo indulgent. She ſeldom leaves her own Work imperfect; and therefore, I doubt not but ſhe has been propitious to you more Ways than one: And I am perſwaded, that if you had been the firſt Object of the inconſtant *Strephon*'s Adoration, he had never worſhip'd any falſe Goddeſs.

I can aſſure you, Madam, you could never have recommended your ſelf ſo much to me, or have oblig'd me more, than in engaging me in this agreeable Manner in the Cauſe of helpleſs Innocence, and diſtreſs'd Virtue; and in giving me an Opportunity to conſider the greateſt and better Half of the World in their neareſt and moſt engaging Relation. I am by Profeſſion, a Knight Errant: It is my Buſineſs to right Wrongs and redreſs Injuries, and none more than thoſe done to your Fair Sex.

It is a Subject which employs my ſofteſt and moſt delicate Thoughts and Inclinations; which I can in nothing gratify ſo much, as by contributing to the Eaſe and Happineſs of that Sex, to whom we owe moſt of our own.

> That cordial Drop Heaven in our Cup has thrown,
> To make the nauſeous Draught of Life go down:

And to atone for the Thouſands, Ten Thouſands of Evils, to which human Condition is ſubject.

Hercules himſelf laid down his Clubs, and took up a Diſtaff: And,

> ——furious *Mars*,
> The only Governour and God of Wars,
> When tired with Heat and Toil, does oft reſort,
> To taſte the Pleaſures of the *Paphian* Court.

I do not therefore depart from my Character, or deſert my Duty, in conſidering this Subject, and attending upon the Concerns of the Fair: With their Cauſe, the Cauſe of Liberty is blended; and ſcarce any Man will be much concern'd for publick Happineſs, unleſs he enjoys Domeſtick: Publick Happineſs being nothing elſe but the aggregate or proceeding of private Men in their Property, and their Enjoyments. It is certain, that a Man's Intereſt, in Points of Happineſs and Pleaſures, is in no Inſtance ſo much concern'd as in that of Marriage, which being the happieſt or unhappieſt State in the World, muſt wholly conſiſt in Happineſs or Miſery.

The Beauty, the Vigour, the Wit, and conſequently the Preſervation of his Family, do much depend upon the Choice of his Wife, and poſſibly upon his Inclinations to her, and hers to him. We are very careful of the Breed of our Horſes, our Cattle, and our Dogs, and in remarkably neglectful of our own; and yet we allow two Parts of our Subſtance to our Poſterity. For it ſtands to the Difference between the Purchaſe of Eſtates of Inheritance, and of Eſtates only for our own Lives.

Our Wealth does alſo depend in a great Meaſure upon Domeſtick Oeconomy and Conduct, and it is a true Proverb, that a Man muſt aſk Leave of his Wife to be rich: So great a Share of his Subſtance and Proſperity muſt remain in her Power, and at her Diſcretion, and under her Management; that if he would thrive and be happy himſelf, he muſt make her ſo.

In order to this, he ought to chuſe one whoſe Temper, good Senſe, and Agreeableneſs, ſhall make him find his Pleaſure in obliging her; and by Conſtancy and endearing Actions make her a holy his own, and to do all in her Power to oblige him. No Man can live in a conſtant State of Hypocriſy in his own Family; but if he has Diſtaſtes, they will certainly break out; or at leaſt be found out by one who is always about him, and whoſe conſtant Buſineſs it is to obſerve him, and his Humours and Affections. And therefore, 'tis his beſt and only Way to find out ſuch a one, as he need not counterfeit a Kindneſs to.

In all my Obſervation, a good Husband rarely miſſes to make a good Wife. The Hearts of Women are naturally ſo tender, their Affions towards their Husbands ſo ſtrong, and their Happineſs and the Reſpect they meet with in the World, are ſo much owing to their Husbands, that we ſeldom find a married Woman who will not with a little Art, and often with but a ſtrong Kindneſs, do whatever a prudent Husband will deſire of her; and often to oblige him, more than he deſires of her. And what can be more barbarous than to uſe one ill, who throws herſelf into his Power, and depends upon his Protection; who gives up all ſhe has to his Mercy, and receives it afterwards at his Pleaſure?

It is miſerable Folly, to put your ſelf in a Circumſtance of being uneaſy in your own Houſe, which ought be a Retreat from all the Ruffles and Diſappointments you meet with elſewhere: In Conſequence of this, you muſt ſeek your Pleaſures Abroad at great Expence, and the hazard of your Health, and to the neglect of your Affairs. Your Wife too, when ſhe finds herſelf neglected by one in whom ſhe had fix'd her whole Happineſs, will not beat the Place and Manſion of her Miſery, but will fall into a Deſpondency, and an Indifference to your Intereſt, and will be apt to look out in her turn for Pleaſures Abroad, when ſhe can have none at Home. Women for the moſt Part place their Felicity in their Husbands, and in their Families, and generally purſue thoſe Views, till the Unkindneſs, Neglect, or Folly of their Husbands, render them impracticable.

Whatever Excuſe there may be for Men over-run with Debts, or otherwiſe very Neceſſitous, to aim only at Money in Marriage, and thereby throw themſelves into a miſerable and ſeemleſs Imprisonment for Life, to prevent falling into one but little worſe: I cannot find out tolerable Reaſon in Nature, why any one in eaſy Circumſtances, and who does not want the common Neceſſaries of Life, ſhould purchaſe the Superfluities at ſo dear a Price. But it is ſtupendious that Men of Figure and Fortune, who have in their Power the Means of enjoying ſecurely the Conveniencies, but the Luxury and Vices of Life (if ſuch can be called Enjoyments) ſhould yet barter away all their Happineſs for a little ſtinking additional Wealth, which for the moſt part produces real Poverty.

It is certain, that Ten Men of Senſe and Eſtate have been undone by marrying great Fortunes, for one who has been cured by it. Moſt Men pay Twenty per Cent. for ſuch Perſons, as long as they have any Thing to pay. Ten Thouſand Pounds additional Fortune, either laid out in Land, will not produce Three Hundred Pounds a Year clear, which Sum will ſcarce maintain the Tax Table, and keep the ſupernumerary Families in Repair, and it will coſt as much more to live there. Beſides, when the ſmall Pieces are made, and

an expensive Marriage is solemniz'd, gaudy Clothes and Equipage are bought, and perhaps a London House furnish'd; a considerable part of this Portion will be disburs'd, and the forlorn Heroe of this shewy, noisie Farce, will discover too late how much more eligible it had been to have married a Lady well born, of a discreet modest and frugal Education, and an agreeable Person, with less Money, than a haughty Dame with all her Quality Airs about her, or Mr. *Thimbleman*'s Daughter, tho' bedeck'd with as many Trinkets as *Tollboy* or *Jarvy Bluebaster* upon the Stage.

But before we can compleat this Account, we must Balance what must be given in Lieu of this Lady's Wealth, besides the inner Loss of conjugal and domestick Happiness. It is truly said, that Gold may be bought too dear; and I may safely say, that the dearest Purchase now in *England*, is a Wife with a great Fortune, not excepting that of *South-Sea* Stock last Year.

For every Thousand Pounds the Lady brings, she must have a Hundred Pounds a Year, at least during her own Life, and often a Rent Charge, which alone is worth the purchase Money which she brings, if she out lives her Husband; and then she brings nothing towards the Issue, which, modestly speaking, are as much hers as her Husbands, and it is certain, that during her living with him, she spends more than the Interest of it: For, (besides her private Expence,) the Gay Furniture, the Rich Beds, the China Ware, the Tea Table, the Visiting Rooms, Rich Coaches, *&c.* must be chiefly placed to Her Account; and she shares equally in the Table Expence, and in that of the Children and Gardens: And yet over and above all this, a Man must settle the Remainder of his Estate and Substance, out of his own Power, and intail it upon whatever Heir Chance and his Wife bring him; perhaps, upon an ungrateful and disobedient One, made so by his Independency upon his Father; often upon a foolish and unimprovable One, and sometimes perhaps upon a spurious One.

I do not complain of this usual Method of Settlement, as thinking it reasonable that any Man should give a large Sum of Money in Dowry with his Daughter, without taking proper Precautions to provide for her and his own Posterity. But I censure the present great Abuse of giving and demanding such Fortunes, which have inverted the very Ends of Marriage, and made Wives Independent on their Husbands, and Sons on their Fathers; Fortunes, which make Men Bargain for their Wives, as they would for Bullocks; and instead of creating conjugal Friendship and Affection, and all sorts of domestick Happiness, have produced nothing but Strife, Aversion and Contention, where there ought to be perfect Sympathy and Unanimity, and have brought into the World a Race of Monkey's and Baboons, instead of Creatures with human Shape and Souls.

Why should Men of Fortune and Understanding bring themselves, without any Motive from Reason or Interest, into these unhappy Circumstances? Why should any Man, without any Consideration, at least any valuable Consideration, divest himself of the greatest Part of the Property of his own Estate? Why make himself only Tenant for Life, when he is in Possession of an Inheritance; and render himself by that Means unable to provide against the many Emergencies of Life? Why subject himself to the Insolence of an ungrateful Heir, or be forced to leave it to an unworthy one? Why be oblig'd to bear the Caprices and Dishonour of a wanton and peevish Wife, perhaps made so by his Neglect, arising from his Aversion, the ordinary Effect of Marriage against Inclination? when he might have chosen one every way suited to the same; and, by contenting himself with less Fortune, have kept the greatest part of his Estate in his own Power, and with it the further Means of obliging her, and of making her future Fortune and Expectations to depend upon her own Conduct, Complaisance, and affectionate Behaviour.

You have given me, Madam, a very pregnant and affecting Instance of a Gentleman, who, made fatal by Avarice, has lost, and wickedly lost, a virtuous, prudent and fond Wife, while he sought Money more than Merit, and cruelly broke his Faith and with a treacherous Heart, for the infamous sake of Lucre; which may deservedly prove a Canker in his Soul and his Substance, and bring him a Lady with Qualities proper to revenge the other's last Quarrel and barbarous Wrongs. And I on my part, can give you an Instance of a Gentleman of great Fortune and Figure, who, by acting according to the former wiser Rules, has made himself happy in an amiable, discreet and observant Lady, and enjoys with her all the Blessings of mutual Obedience and tender Affection. He is complaisant without Art, and she without Fear.

I am with perfect Respect, Madam,

Your most humble and

most obedient Servant, CATO.

To the Author of the LONDON JOURNAL.

SIR, I Have in several of my late Letters, observed some Slips that have crept from the Pen of the great and learned Dr. *Prideaux*; but as I have done this with no Design of blemishing a Character which cannot be blemish'd, I think my self obliged to own once more, his great Merit, the Service done by him to Mankind, the Honour to his Country, and the Pleasure and Information which I in particular have received from his worthy Labours.

It is possible, that out of Detestation to Principles which subvert and tear up by the Roots all Liberty and civil Happiness, I may have used some warm Expressions against those that maintain them. Such Expressions therefore can be applied only to those who have been ever the avowed and active Enemies of every thing lovely, valuable, or praise-worthy amongst Men. But as to Dr. *Prideaux*, however he is fallen into Prejudices, perhaps early imbib'd, and not since examin'd by him with his usual Accuracy; or however he might intend to serve a pious Cause with adventitious Helps and precarious Supports, which it wanted not: certain it is, from the whole Course of his excellent Performance, that he had sincerely at Heart the Interest of true Religion and Liberty. A Spirit of Virtue, Piety, good Sense and Integrity, and an Aversion to Oppression, Cruelty and Tyranny, shine through his whole History, and animate the same; and neither he nor his History can be too much commended.

But the Doctor is an eminent Instance, how little any Man ought to be guided by the mere Authority of another; since one of the greatest and worthiest Men living, is capable of falling into such obvious Errors. From the Greatness of his Name and Credit alone I was led to these Animadversions, and with Reluctance I made them. Falcons do not prey upon Flies. Other Writers, whose Characters add no Weight to their Mistakes, are safe from any Censure of mine. For this Reason I shall not trouble my self with the Party-Falsehoods and pious Ribaldry, and Blunders of a modern voluminous Writer of English History. His Contract and Dialogue between *Oliver Cromwell* and the Devil, is a harmless Piece of History and as entertaining as the rest.

I am, SIR,

Your humble Servant, CATO.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE Plague in France continues to rage in a very melancholly manner; but we being very particular among our Domestick Accounts of its Progress, where it is at the worst, we say no more of it here, but refer our Readers to what comes after.—— Things in the North are very quiet, without any further Appearance of any Disturbance whatever, and 'tis now hoped that the Storm threatned by the Turks will blow over; however, this last wants Confirmation. —— The poor Protestants in the Palatinate appear under new Apprehensions of further Oppressions and Distresses from their Enemies, and indeed their Case now seems past all hopes, unless they are speedily and powerfully assisted by their Friends abroad.

LONDON.

WE hear that the East India Company have bestowed a Donation of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas on the Redeemed British Captives.

There are several Petitions now depending in the House of Commons from Kent, Surry, Southwark, *&c.* praying for a Bridge over the Thames, from the Ferry at Westminster to Lambeth; and the Belief that a Bill will pass accordingly, has very much advanced the Price of Land, near the Waterside thereabouts.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy have given Notice, that on Wednesday the 20th Instant, they will be ready to Treat with such Persons, as are inclined to furnish Malt for the Service of the Navy.

In Pursuance of a Resolution of the last General Court of the South Sea Company, that an humble Address should be presented to his Majesty, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Parliament the remission of Two Millions, which with a proportionable Part of their yearly Fund will be annihilated at Midsummer next, or such other Relief, as his Majesty in his great goodness shall think meet, in Consideration of the Sufferings of the unhappy Proprietors by the Execution of the South Sea Scheme; the Sub-Governour, Deputy Governour and Directors, have waited on his Majesty with their Address accordingly. And we hear his Majesty was pleased to answer, 'That he could not think it reasonable, 'in the present Circumstances of Affairs, with regard either to 'the Publick or their Company, to recommend the Matter 'of their Address to the Parliament.

Christen'd Males 171, Females 176. In all 347.

Buried Males 172. Females 174. In all 346.

Increased in the Bills this Week 30.

Casualties. Excessive Drinking 3. Overlaid 5.

On Thursday the 14th, the Sons of the Clergy had their annual Feast at Merchant Taylors Hall, at which several Bishops were present, and we hear that upwards of Three Hundred Pounds was collected in order to put the poor Orphans of Clergymen out Apprentices.

We hear, that the Chappel, which has stood so long unfinish'd in Hanover Garden (on Account of a Dispute about the

the Ground whereon it ſtands) is by the Lord Biſhop of Ely given to the Pariſh of St. Andrew's Holborn, for a Charity School; and Money is now collecting to compleat it.

There has not been known a larger Seſſions for many Years than the laſt, which was held at the Old Baily. But this ought not to be wonder'd at, when the Town ſwarms with Houſe-breakers and Pickpockets, and every Road about it is ſo full of Highwaymen and Footpads, that we have daily Inſtances of Robberies and Villanies, ſo that the Finiſher of the Law has little Reaſon to fear a maiden Seſſions, or a want of Buſineſs, *when ſo many deſerve the Gallows.*

On Saturday laſt there was a General Court of the Corporation of the Royal-Exchange Aſſurance. It began with a Confirmation of the Minutes of the laſt General Court; and as in that Court, there had been ſome Objection to the Salaries allow'd their Governours and Directors, (viz. the Governour two hundred Pounds, and each Director one hundred and fifty Pounds per Ann.) in this Court thoſe Gentlemen chang'd their Sentiments, and it was unanimouſly carried as a very moderate Allowance, for their Care and Trouble in the Corporation's Affairs. Some additional By Laws were then read, and met with the Approbation of the Court, viz. One for reſtraining the Directors, for the time being, from ſigning any Policy of Aſſurance in their private Capacity. Another for preventing the veſting of the Companies Money in any Stock, without the Conſent of a General Court. And the third was, that no By Law ſhould be altered, or ſuſpended, but by the Conſent of Two General Courts. They then elected Mr. Ball, Mr. Church, Mr. Townſhend, Mr. Fiſher Tench, and Mr. Lombe to be of the Committee for inſpecting the By-Laws, and ſo adjourn'd.

On Monday Night laſt, a Proclamation was iſſued, for altering the Stamp for Hides and Skins to be imported, in regard the ſame is taken off and defaced by the dreſſing them, to the great Hazard and Prejudice of the Dealers in Leather, whoſe Goods remain liable to ſeizure for want of the appearing of ſuch Stamp. For prevention whereof it is order'd, that the ſaid Stamp ſhall be alter'd, and ſuch another uſed as is not likely to be taken off or defaced.

Five of the Eleven Malefactors, who were ſentenced to Death at the Old Baily, were executed on Friday, viz. Arthur Gray, Nathaniel Hawes, James Wright, George Baker and John Jones.

We hear, that a Farmer of Bethersden in Suſſex of the Brownift Perſwaſion, as he uſed to ſay himſelf, falling ſick lately, ſeveral Perſons ſucceſſively watched with him 2 Nights. The laſt that performed that Office for him was a Teacher of thoſe Opinions, who not watching like a true Shepherd, but falling aſleep over his Patient, the poor Wretch got up, and made his Way out at the Top of the Houſe, and getting down, travelled to a Farm-houſe about two Miles off, where in an Out-houſe he hanged himſelf. Being traced and found, and the Coroners Inqueſt ſitting upon the Body, the Teacher, who had ſo carefully watched him, was ſeverely reprimanded by the Coroner, who charged this unhappy Accident on the Doctrines of the Brownifts, which often hurry weak Minds to the greateſt Deſperations.

On Sunday laſt died ſuddenly after Dinner, the Right Honourable Richard Lumley, Earl of Scarborough, at his Houſe in Gerrard ſtreet. He is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his Son Richard Lord Lumley, Maſter of the Horſe to his Royal Highneſs.

We hear that the Deficiency in the Proviſion made for Building the Royal Hoſpital at Greenwich, amounting to about Fifty Thouſand Pounds by Computation, will be raiſed by Ten ſeveral Lotteries, for *Five* Thouſand Pounds each, to be drawn Annually till the Whole ſhall be finiſhed, and the Tickets to be valued at Ten Shillings each. But this wants Confirmation.

The famous Antiquary and Grammarian, Mr. Samuel Moreland, late Maſter of the Grammar School at Bednal Green, died lately at the Bath.

We hear that Mr. Law was lately in Danger of an Aſſault, as he was returning to his Lodging in Hanover Square, which on that Account he has left, and taken new Lodgings in St. James's Street.

The laſt Advices from France touching the Contagion, give a melancholy Account of the preſent State of Avignon; four thouſand Perſons have died there from the 19th of September laſt to the 1ſt Inſtant, when there were fifteen thouſand Sick. The Worms do ſo abound in the Duſt of their Infirmaries, or *Peſthouſes*, that they are almoſt devoured by them, and they cannot be cleared of them for Want of Attendants: So that thoſe who are taken Sick, chuſe rather to lie upon the Ground in the open Air, than to be carried into thoſe Hoſpitals. The only Phyſician who was left there, died on the 4th of November laſt. A fourth Hoſpital is ſitting up to hold one thouſand Sick. At Orange, the Contagion is only in one Quarter, round which all poſſible Precautions are taken to prevent its ſpreading.

SIR,

I Am a conſtant Reader, and a very great Admirer of your Letters, which I think no Man of Senſe would willingly be without; they furniſh us with the compleateſt Syſtem of Politicks that is extant in the Engliſh Tongue: Hence Kings may extract Rules for the well-governing of their People, and even Statesmen learn to be honeſt, or at leaſt, ſee what they deſerv'd who were not ſo. In ſhort, as they are calculated for the univerſal Benefit of Mankind, the juſt Eſteem I have for the Author, though unknown, was the Occaſion of the following Lines.

HOW bright the ſhining Patriot ſtands confeſt,
Great *Cato*'s Soul informs his generous Breaſt:
'Gainſt Power uſurp'd, he points his God-like Rage,
And deals out Freedom to a future Age,
While Liberty adorns each manly Page.
Proud Kings he curbs, and blaſts the Tyrant's Deeds,
Again the lawleſs haughty *Ceſar* bleeds;
By the keen Force of each avenging Word,
He gives a Wound as ſure as *Brutus*' Sword.
He drives the Miſt of Error from our Eyes,
Bids *Roman* Virtue in our Hearts ariſe,
And Right Divine ſtrips of its vain Diſguiſe.
Now let the Bigot his fond Scheme reſign,
And Liberty alone be held Divine.
O far from *Albion* let the Wretch retreat,
And meanly crouch beneath a Tyrant's Feet,
Let the baſe Thing to Northern Climes repair,
Enjoy his ſervile Fav'rite Tenets there,
And groan in Slav'ry, rig'rous as their Air;
Thro' each dull Path of blind Obedience run,
And boaſt the Privilege of being undone.
Freedom for none but Heaven-born Souls was made,
Nor are, to grov'ling Minds, it's Charms diſplay'd.
'Mongſt all the feather'd Race that range on high,
None like the Eagle, cuts the liquid Sky;
Jove's Bird alone, can tower *Ætherial* Height,
And Face with ſtedfaſt Eye, the dazling Source of Light.

I am, SIR, &c.

BRITANNICUS.

We hear, that a Bill will be paſs'd for leſſening the Duties on Nutmegs, Cloves and Mace; another for taking off the Duties on our Manufactures exported; and another for preſerving the Freedom of Elections of Members of Parliament, *of which our Readers may ſhortly hear more.*

The ingenious Mr. Weſton of Greenwich, having lately erected a Theatre for the Uſe and Diverſion of the young Gentlemen under his Tuition, the Play of Tamerlane was laſt Week performed there, with vaſt Applauſe. A new Prologue and Epilogue was pronounced upon the Occaſion, written by an ingenious Hand, and we hope we ſhall be able to oblige our Readers with it in a future Paper.

The Directors of the South-Sea Company have choſen Mr. Jeoffry Urber, Aſſiſtant to Mr. De Golz, their Caſhier, appointing him One Hundred Pounds a Year Sallary.

On Monday laſt there was a vaſt Concourſe of People at the South-Sea Houſe, for making the firſt Payment of *Five* per Cent. on the Loans borrowed of the South-Sea Company, the time limited by Act of Parliament for the ſaid Firſt Payment determining the 25th Inſtant, Ten per Cent. being to be paid in order to diſcharge the Borrowers on the Loans.

We hear, that for the new Theatre in the Haymarket, deſign'd to be opened by Aaron Hill, Eſq; a Patent was obtain'd in the late Reign for twenty Years, nine of which are already elapſed.

William Beddow, who was acquitted at the laſt Seſſions at the Old Baily of an Indictment for ſtealing Casks of Ale from Brewers Drays in the Streets, none appearing then againſt him, but not being diſcharged by reaſon he could not pay his Fees, was detained in Newgate; and by a freſh Warrant from Sir Francis Forbs, on Monday laſt, was continu'd a Priſoner on a freſh Indictment for the like Crime.

We hear that the Sum of fifty thouſand Pounds, or thereabouts, has been lately promiſed, by way of Subſcription, for building a Bridge at Weſtminſter Ferry, if a Law can be obtained for that Purpoſe. It has been already propoſed among the Managers of that Undertaking, to build firſt a Bridge partly of Wood, and partly of Stone, ſuch as may ſerve very well till another can be built entire of Stone, which, 'tis ſaid, will be the moſt ſtately Bridge in Europe.

The Lord William Manners, Son to the late Duke of Rutland, hath been made one of the Lords of the Bedchamber to his Royal Highneſs a conſiderable Time; and the Account given in ſeveral Papers of his ſucceeding the late Lord Belhaven in that Poſt is a Miſtake; nor do we find there is any as yet appointed in the Room of the ſaid unfortunate Lord.

The following Ships were loſt in the Stormy Winds that happen'd about the Middle of laſt Week, viz. The Joſiah and Betty, Capt. Brabant, loſt at Ram-Head near Plymouth, but the Men ſaved; the Hope, Capt. Overy, from New-York, in

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her Passage from Portsmouth to London was lost on Beachy-Head; also a Dutch East-India Ship, outward-bound, of one Thousand Tons, Forty Guns, and Two Hundred and Forty Men, lost off of Plymouth, but the Crew were saved, and Thirteen Chests of Silver. At the same Time another Dutch East-India Ship that lay Still in Company with her, was forced from her Anchors, but afterwards got safe to Plymouth.

So far has the Project for erecting a Bank in Ireland been from succeeding, that the House of Commons there have resolved,

That the erecting, or establishing a publick Bank in that Kingdom, will be of the most dangerous and fatal Consequence to his Majesty's Service, and the Trade and Liberties of that Nation. As also,

That if any Member of that House, or Commoner of Ireland, shall presume to solicite, or endeavour to procure any Grant, or to get the Great Seal put to any Charter for erecting a publick Bank in that Kingdom, contrary to the declared Sense and Resolution of that House, he shall incur his highest Displeasure, and be deem'd to act in Contempt of the Authority of that House, and an *Enemy to his Country*.

A few Days ago a Cook Maid living in a noble Family near St. James's, broke a Vein by an excessive Fit of Laughter; and though all possible Ways were tried to save her Life, she died in Two Hours at Night.

We hear that the Quakers are like to obtain the Favour they have been long struggling for, and to have their Affirmation altered to their Satisfaction; so that for the future, the Words *in the Presence of Almighty God*, will be left out of their Affirmation. However, if they can be convicted of false Evidence, 'tis to be deemed as much in them, and they are to be punished accordingly.

Last Week the Landlord of the *Mitre* Ale-house, at Standgate, near Lambeth, cut his Throat. And last Tuesday one Mrs. Matthews, in the Mint, drowned her self in a Tub of Water, no half full

They write from Paris, that a Lady, who is Thirty Four Years of Age, and Wife to Mr. *Durand*, Advocate of the Council, who is Fifty Years old, was brought to Bed on the 20th Instant of Four Children, Three Boys and one Girl, all of them born alive, and were baptiz'd in the Evening at the Parish Church of St. Landry; but all of them dy'd in Three Days.

Our South Sea Company go on with much Resolution and Unanimity, and 'tis said, they are resolved to take all the Methods in their Power, to make the *Bank* stand to their Agreement, and to prosecute and recover against those who have any way defrauded the Company, and unjustly got any of their Money. What the Event of these Things may be, cannot at present be known, but People have their Eyes much upon them, and seem to expect great Advantages from their Proceedings.

On Saturday last died the Lord George Manners, one of the Sons of the late Duke of Rutland by his 2d Dutchess.

On the 15th Instant the University of Cambridge erected a new Office, viz. of an Upper Library Keeper of their Publick Library, which they conferr'd in a full Senate upon the Revd. Dr. Middleton, by 111 Votes against 49.

Last Monday Night, the Constable and Watch of the Hundreds of Drury, upon the Discovery of a great Light in the House of a Baker in Red-lion-Court, went in a Body, and with a loud Hollo, summoned the Baker to the Door, and alarmed the Neighbourhood with the Noise of Fire. The Baker came trembling before those dread Magistrates, and assuring them, that it was no Fire more than what was necessary in his Business, he was dismissed in Peace, while they made solemn Proclamation to the Neighbourhood they had raised, to go to Bed again.

The foreign Papers say from Rome, that it is rumour'd, the Pretender will shortly take a Turn to Paris, which causes much Speculation here.

The same Advices say, a great Misunderstanding has happened between Cardinal Althan and Cardinal Acquaviva, his Imperial and Catholick Majesty's Ministers at Rome, on the Subject of the Imprisonment of some Spaniards of Quality in the Kingdom of Naples. The latter sending to Cardinal Althan, desiring his good Offices with the Emperor for their Releasement, was answer'd, it was not a Time to treat the Spaniards after that Manner, because they daily render'd themselves unworthy the Emperor's Clemency: With which the Spanish Cardinal was so irritated, that he immediately dispatched a Courrier to give the Court of Madrid an Account of it, in order that the Imperial Minister may be called upon to shew a Reason for his Contempt of his Catholick Majesty's Recommendation, and expects thereon, as to the Terms of his haughty Answer. 'Tis fear'd, if Care be not taken to prevent the ill Effects of it in Time, this Affair may occasion ill Blood.

A few Days ago, a Gentlewoman in Covent Garden, was deliver'd of a dead Child, with which she had gone twelve Months, by a Man Midwife; 'tis said, the Child has been dead three Months.

We hear, that a Man is taken into Custody for putting off Bank Bills, that were taken out of the Bristol Mail.

Several Head of Cattle were brought into Smithfield on Sunday Night last, which being contrary to Order, 59 of them were drove away to the Green-yard, where the Graziers who own'd them, were oblig'd to pay 2 s. 4d. per Head for their Release, besides loosing the first of the Market, which is in probable will make them more mindful of Sunday, than they have usually been upon this Occasion.

We have more than once spoke of Robberies committed by 3 Footpads between Islington and Newington Green, on Friday and Saturday Night last, the same Gentry were very busy in plundering every one that fell in their Way, but such Care will be taken for the future, that if they come that way any more, 'tis hoped they may be conducted to accompany some of their Brothers in Iniquity to the Triple Tree.

Our *Merchants* have Advice, that the Betty, Capt. Mellis from Guinea, but last from Maryland, was cast away on the 13th Instant at Portleven near Penza &c.

On Saturday Night last, the Hampstead Stage Coach was robb'd by 3 Highwaymen, one was upon a Bay, the 2d on a Chestnut, and the 3d on a Grey Gelding. They carried off about 50 l. besides a Gold Watch and Rings. As every Road about Town is so full of these Ruffians, it ought to make all People cautious how they Travel with any thing of Value about them. So hungry and hardened are those Wretches that nothing can deter them from their vile Practices, for but the Night before a Horseman robb'd a Poor labouring Man of two Shillings, just by the Gallows.

Last Monday Night a Man dress'd like a Gentleman, and a Girl of the Town, who had trol'd it in a Hackney Coach from one Place to another, till the Fare amounted to Four Shillings, at length alighted in Barbican; when the Nymph pretending to speak with a Friend she spied over the Way, slipt aside and got off. In the mean time the Coachman demanded his Money, which the Gentleman searched in vain all over his Pockets for, without being able to find a Farthing. And the Woman not returning, he charged her with having picked his Pocket of his Watch and all his Money, and begged the Coachman would take his Word for the Fare till another time. But this could not be granted. The Coachman insisted for his Wig, and putting it to be voted by a great Mob that was gathered about them, whether he ought to have it in Lieu of his Money, they gave it with great Unanimity and Acclamation for the Question, and he drove off with the Wig accordingly.

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